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To: In re the Application of  
Naoki HAGAI et al.  
  
Application No.: 10/608,477  
  
Filed: June 30, 2003  
  
For: MULTILEVEL VALUE OUTPUT  
DEVICE

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Group Art Unit: 2625  
Docket No.: 116403

Examiner: P. DHINGRA

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From: Patrick T. Muffo

Prepared By: lrh

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**Comments:**

Attached is an Applicant Initiated Interview Request Agenda for your review in preparation of our personal interview.

Sent by: lrh

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**Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form**

Application No.: 10/608,477 First Named Applicant: Naoki HAGAI  
 Examiner: DHINGRA Art Unit: 2625 Status of Application: Non-Final

**Tentative Participants:**

(1) Patrick Muffo (2) Examiner Dhingra  
 (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Date of Interview: May 28, 2008 Proposed Time: 10:00 (AM/PM) AM

**Type of Interview Requested:**

(1)  Telephonic (2)  Personal (3)  Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated:  YES  NO

**Issues To Be Discussed**

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Applied Reference(s)	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) §102(e)	Claims 1, 14, 19-21 and 23	Yamamoto (U.S. Patent No. 7,009,731).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:**

Yamamoto does not teach or suggest the claimed features of independent claims 1, 14, 19-21 and 23. Yamamoto does not teach or suggest changing the frequency of conversion, as recited in independent claims 1, 19 and 21; and modifying both threshold values, as recited in independent claims 14, 20 and 23.

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:**

This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP § 713.01). This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature)

(Examiner/SPE Signature)